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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495**

Applicants bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that the Notice of Acceptance mailed on April 25, 2006 in the above-identified application omits the Priority Date, which is December 18, 2002. A copy of the PCT Publication showing the Priority Date of December 18, 2002 is enclosed. Applicants request issuance of a Corrected Notice of Acceptance. In addition, Applicants request that the PALM database be updated.

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The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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(54) Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC ACID

(54) 発明の名称: カルボン酸の製造方法

(57) Abstract: A method for producing a carboxylic acid, which comprises reacting an aldehyde-containing oily solution with an aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution in the presence of a catalyst comprising a polymer compound having a sulfonic acid group in a side chain thereof in a heterogeneous system. The method allows the production of a carboxylic acid under mild conditions having little adverse effect including toxicity on the environment or a human body, with simple and easy operations, without the need of the operation for removing a solvent, with good efficiency.

(57) 要約: アルデヒド油性溶液と過酸化水素水溶液とを、側鎖にスルホン酸基を有する高分子化合物を含む触媒の存在下、不均一溶液系で反応させる。このような反応方法によれば、環境や人体への影響・毒性がきわめて小さい温和な条件下、反応終了後の溶媒除去操作を要することなく簡便な反応操作により効率的にカルボン酸を得ることができる。

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